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Democratic Party Has Kept Faith

This paper is like everyone else in not knowing who the Democratic party will nominate for President in this year's campaign. But we know that the party can stand on its record of service with pride. Democracy under the present administration has gallantly grappled with the real problems of the republic. It has given more than lip-service. Many of its attempts have been experimental and most of them have cost a lot of money, but you can put us down on the side that the best is dollars and cents has not been out of proportion to the nature of the problems faced, and money thus spent by our country is and has been infinitely of more value than the huge sums spent in other nations under the heading of democracy.

Virginia alone has about 130,000 white and 65,000 Negro families with "marginal" standards of living, income, educational attainments, and payments, etc. Most of these families are "marginal" because government has never before set about to solve the problem they present. The Democratic party has set itself to the wheel to try to rectify this problem. Don't ever forget that when voting time comes.

The Democratic party believes that it is up to society to give every one a fair chance to succeed.

America's Problem

(From Baltimore NewsPost)

Senator Wheeler of Montana gave voice to some hard truths recently when he addressed the Colorado Manufacturers Association at a Denver meeting.

Pointing to the obvious fact that no government—and he might have added no individual—can spend more than its income without going bankrupt, he drew the equally obvious conclusion:

"Bankruptcy means dictatorship in the United States as it meant it in Germany and other nations."

Another distasteful truth uttered by Senator Wheeler is that there are at this moment of comparative ease in America, presenting a challenge to Government and industry, mainly of costs above selling prices, is the twin dilemma of the unemployment situation. Mr. Wheeler added:

"The unemployment and war problems must be solved before we can have a prosperity."

As regards the young workers who have known nothing but enforced silence since graduating from school, the speaker suggested that a system of apprenticeship might be the answer.

What Is Lewis' Plan?

What is John L. Lewis' Up To? Regarders of what one thinks of John L. Lewis personally, it must be conceded that the CIO leader is a resourceful political leader. Just what is behind his statement that Roosevelt cannot be elected for a third term?

Must we not start off by agreeing that opposition to a third term comes around the conservative wing of the party? What would happen if the liberal or the radical wing of the party contended that Roosevelt was too conservative for them and had not gone far enough? Would not that increase the chances of Roosevelt coming out of the convention as the only possible compromise candidate?

Doesn't Happen Often

Looking at the calendar beside our desk, we note that there are five Thursdays in February, 1940, and that means that you will get five issues of the Times-Virginian in the short month of February. Now, ... somebody figure out for us how long it will be again before there are five Thursdays in a Leap Year!

McNutt says has no apology to offer for his labor record.

Senator Wheeler spoke in Richmond Saturday night.

Canada calls general election.

Netherlands seek to maintain the "free" trade naturally.

Gold imports continue to mount in United States.

Appomattox is a tourist center.

Under the heading "What Borah Might Have Said," the San Francisco News published the following excerpt from Brian Hooker's translation of Edmund Ross's "Cyrano de Bergerac":

Cyrano: What would you have me do?
Seek for the patronage of some great man,
And like a creeping vine on a tall tree
Crawl upward, where I cannot stand alone?
No; thank you! ****
(To sing, to laugh, to dream,
To walk in my own way and be alone,
Free, with an eye to see things as they are ****
At a word, a yes, a no,
To fight—or write. To travel any road
In my own heart's way, with all modesty
If fame or fortune lie beyond the bourne—
Never to make a line I have not heard
In my own heart's way, with all modesty
To say: "My soul, be satisfied with flowers,
With fruit, with weeds even; to gather them
In the one garden you may call your own."
So, when I win some triumph, by some chance,
Fender no share to Caesar—in word,
I am too proud to be a parasite.
And if my nature wants the germ that grows
Towering to Heaven, like the mountain pine,
Or like the oak, sheltering multitudes—
I stand, not high it may be—but alone!

What 31 Men Did!

Turn a group of civil-minded men loose in a community and you will work miracles in the way of genuine progress. We have long known that. For many years we have been the record of community achievement and unselfish service. West Rockingham (Va.) Buritan Club, they who honor at the recent national Buritan convention in Richmond. Just look at some of the things they 31 did for their community last year:

They made possible the feeding of 4,000 hot lunches to 50 children every day for eight months. Every member of the Club planted twelve trees and shrubs.

God grant that America may be spared involvement in war, and that America may spend its money on the maintenance of the American standard of living, rather than on Europe's costly wars.

The Club conducted a community picnic, entertained the high school teachers and senior citizens, P.E.A. members and held a joint meeting with the P.T.A.

They sponsored six meetings of the club for the purpose of discussion of topics of special interest. They conducted a public sale of surplus goods and raised over \$100.00 for the club.

They were instrumental in establishing a demonstration farm with the Soil Conservation Commission's co-operation.

They cooperated to establish a Soil Conservation District in Rockingham and Augusta counties.

They secured certified garden seeds, potatoes and wheat.

They made available a pure-bred male dog for the community.

They promoted the culling of chickens for hatching purposes.

They promoted a motorcycle tour of inspection of a government soil conservation project.

They fostered a Young Farmers group and had them meet with the club every three weeks.

They had a member of the State Board of Agriculture and Vocational Education visit the club.

They sponsored a recreation center for the club members at the Mt. Clinton high school. Members not only furnished the material for the showers but did all the work of installing them.

The Club put on a church attendance campaign for a month.

They made funds available for a minister to attend the Rural Ministers' Conference in Blacksburg.

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Yesteryears

Do You Remember?

ONE YEAR AGO

(Items from the Times Virginian of February 2, 1939)

WPA rolls in county includes 65 names.

Safety awards presented to fire chief H. G. Johnson made fire chief in Appomattox.

County branch of Federal Land Bank of Baltimore meets here.

F. L. Murphy and C. K. Hunter return from South Carolina hunting trip.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Caldwell, a son, Jan. 29, 1939.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Holland, a son, Jan. 31, 1939.

THREE YEARS AGO

Red Cross report shows \$355.45 raised in annual drive in Appomattox county.

Jesse Taylor Hamilton, of Convent, died in accident on Nov. 4, 1936.

Engagement of Miss Corinne Hancock to W. M. Abbot announced.

Rev. G. A. Chocklette observes 75th birthday.

Town advertises for electric franchise.

Debate merits of President Roosevelt's plan.

(From our files of Feb. 7, 1935)

Garden Club formed in Appomattox on January 24, 1935.

Rev. W. T. Henderson, resigns from Baptist churches in county.

Mrs. George T. Doss dies.

Bids opened in Richmond for work on Appomattox-Red House road.

(From our files of Feb. 4, 1929)

Unusually cold weather reported.

N. S. Young, 88, Confederate Veteran, passes, died Jan. 24, 1929.

Corn selling as high as \$10 per barrel delivered.

Delegate J. B. Horsely elected legislative. Senator Ferguson recorded as voting against minority's suffrage.

World production of rayon fiber increased from the equivalent of 8,000 bales of cotton in 1920, to the equivalent of 4,383,000 bales in 1938.

Uncle Jim says: "More mind farming will mean, less muscle farming; less mind spending of money, more about the way you treat them."

W. T. Johnson, 47, died suddenly at Evergreen, Feb. 8, 1920.

Surveys indicate that independent vote will decide 1940 election.

France alarmed at its declining birth rate.

Germany tightens ration allotments to Jews.

Play safe, drive carefully.

Appomattox needs boosters.

Good Times . .

Bad Times . .

Any Time . .

A bank account is the best of Friends.

Each Deposit here is Insured up to \$5000.00 in Federal Deposit Insurance Co.

Farmers National Bank
Appomattox, Virginia

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pack, of Clover, spent the week-end with Miss Emma and Lucy Smith. Mrs. Pack remained this week to be with Miss Lucy Smith, who is sick.

The contract bridge club will meet Friday evening, with Mrs. L. L. Gayle.

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